## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended) A <u>one-piece</u> flexible hair clip and comb combination for styling and holding all, or sections of hair comprising:

an upper, flexible, concaved portion, for holding hair in a desired position; and a lower, flexible portion comprising at least two teeth, capable of for a combing action and holding larger amounts of hair in place; 5

said lower, flexible portion hingedly connected to said upper, concaved portion; said lower portion comprising a plurality of teeth. whereby said flexible hair clip can be snap-action closed to hold hair in a desired position by concaving said top portion toward said lower, flexible portion; and

said flexible hair clip can be snap-action opened thus allowing a user to maneuver said flexible hair clip to a desired position by convexing said upper portion away from said flexible lower portion which allows some distance between the two portions.

Claim 7 (canceled)

- Claim 8 (original) The flexible hair clip and comb combination as recited in claim 6, wherein said lower portion is at least as long as said upper portion.
- Claim 9 (currently amended) The flexible hair clip and comb combination as recited in claim 6, further comprising:

  a rigid plurality of interior teeth attached to said upper portion for providing additional hold of gathered hair while in closed position of said hair clip is in said closed position.

Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (canceled)

- Claim 16 (new) Said lower portion of flexible hair clip and comb combination of claim 6 at least as long as said upper portion.
- Claim 17 (new) Said plurality of teeth in said lower portion from claim 6 arranged substantially parallel, thus forming a comb.
- Claim 18 (new) Said upper portion from claim 6 further comprising a plurality of interior teeth for providing additional hold of gathered hair while said flexible hair clip and comb combination is in a closed position.
- Claim 19 (new) A one-piece flexible hair clip and comb combination for styling and holding all, or sections of hair comprising;

means for gathering hair in position with a concaved upper portion and holding the hair in a desired position;

means for a combing action and holding larger amounts of hair in place with a lower portion that comprises two or more comb teeth portions;

said lower portion hingedly connected to said upper portion; whereby said upper portion can be snap-action concaved into said lower portion to hold hair in a desired position; and

said upper portion can be snap-action concaved away from said lower portion thus releasing said flexible hair clip from clamping on hair.

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- Claim 20 (new) Said flexible hair clip from claim 19 manufactured from one piece of spring steel.
- Claim 21 (new) From claim 19, said means for gathering hair in position comprising an opening formed between said upper portion and said lower portion, joined by a living hinge opposite said opening.
- Claim 22 (new) From claim 19, means for a combing action and holding larger amounts of hair in place with a lower portion accomplished by making said lower portion flexible thus able to conform to said upper portion when said upper portion is in a closed position.